

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6573  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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FOR EUR/NE FOR WOODS FROM PHILLIPS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP LU  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF GENERAL JAMES H. POLK

REF: STATE 208062

1. AS REPORTED SEPTEL HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR  
GENERAL POLK AND HIS PARTY HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT THE  
HOTEL CRAVAT IN DOWNTOWN LUXEMBOURG.

2. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, GENERAL POLK WAS  
THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE US TROOPS THAT LIBERATED  
BETTEMBOURG IN SEPTEMBER, 1944. HE WAS ALSO LATER CINCUS-  
AREUR. THE GENERAL POLK MEMORIAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD  
SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 1978 WERE INITIATED BY THE CITY FATHERS  
OF BETTEMBOURG AND THE LUXEMBOURG ARMY AND HAVE FULL  
EMBASSY AND ODC BELLUX SUPPORT. US ARMY BANDS, MARCHING  
UNITS AND SPECIAL DISPLAY UNITS WILL PARTICIPATE. IN  
1944 THE MAYOR OF BETTEMBOURG TOLD GENERAL POLK THAT IF  
HE WOULD COME BACK TO BETTEMBOURG THE TOWN WOULD MAKE  
HIM AN HONORARY CITIZEN. THE PRESENT MAYOR WILL NOW  
HONOR THAT COMMITMENT.

3. AMBASSADOR LOWENSTEIN WILL NOT  
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HAVE RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES IN  
TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES. THE EMBASSY WILL  
BE REPRESENTED BY MR. CHARLES HIGGINSON WHO WILL  
BE CHARGE AT THE TIME.

4. MAJOR NORMAL GILL, ODC/BELLUX, IS PROJECT OFFICER  
FOR THE CEREMONIES. HE CAN BE REACHED ON BRUSSELS EM-

BASSY EXTENSION 428 SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.PHILLIPS

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